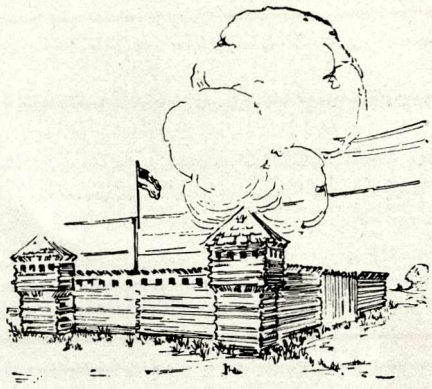
1787 - TERRE HAUTE - 1938

NORTHWEST TERRITORY CELEBRATION

PIONEER SUPPER

MAYFLOWER ROOM - TERRE HAUTE HOUSE

September 3rd, 1938



menu

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Wabash Valley Crisp Celery - Vigo County Radishes

Pioneer Olives

Baked Sugar Cured and Hickory Smoked Isaac Walton Ham

Cider Sauce

Au gratin Potatoes - Territorial Succotash

Cole Slaw - Miami Dressing

Indiana Deep Dish Apple Pie - Native Cheese

Corn Sticks - Fresh Creamery Butter

Plantation Coffee

September 3, 1938 Mayflower Room 5:30 P. M.

COVERED WAGON CREW

John F. Ball
Hugh Van Runkel
John S. Ward
*Carl W. Applegate
William H. Diamond
Orland K. Leamon
Peter S. Anderson
Clifford Appleton
Richard Courage
Robert Neary
Robert N. Jeffrey
Erling Wade
Carmen C. Treichler
Pierce R. S. York
Paul S. Boyce
Robert M. Brown
William J. Farrell
Robert A. Gilchrist
Bernard Heskett
Graham H. Johnson
William B. Kellstadt
Robert G. King
Montford E. Parr
Edwin V. Pugh
Dr. Clarence J. Shaffer
Milo R. Scott
Norris V. Singer
Marvin Shock
Lester W. Richardson
Joseph E. Foust
Donald McAtee
F. Marion Powell
Stuart M. Kelly
Ernest M. Magee
Eugene R. Cowan
Arnott R. Raikes

NOTE: **Carl Applegate is a Terre Haute boy and a student at Indiana State Teacher's College.*

PIONEER SUPPER PROGRAM

Invocation - REV. L. O. RICHMOND

"I'll Float My Boat Right Back to Terre Haute" - HARMONY FOUR
(Words and Music by Malcolm Scott)

"Home on the Range" - PIONEER CARAVAN BOYS

"I Love Old Indiana" - EUGENE ESPERSON - Accompanist - ARTHUR ALL

"The Northwest Territory" - MISS BONNIE FARWELL
Member of Federal Northwest Territory Commission

Presiding Chairman - MORTON F. HAYMAN,
Chairman, Northwest Territory Celebration Committee

Welcome - FRANK R. MILLER - Chairman Homecoming Committee
Terre Haute Northwest Territory Celebration Committee

Response for Homecoming Terre Hauteans - HON. EVERETT SANDERS
of Washington, D. C.

"The Wabash Valley" - HON. VIRGINIA E. JENCKES,
Congresswoman 6th District, Indiana

Response for Federal Pioneer Caravan - CARAVAN DIRECTOR O. K. REAMES

Introduction of Guests

Community Singing - "On the Banks of the Wabash" - SAM WILTON

Pioneer Music - WEIR KIRK ORCHESTRA

TERRE HAUTE NORTHWEST TERRITORY CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

MISS BONNIE FARWELL

Vice President General, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution and a Member of the Federal and State Northwest Territory Celebration has authorized the appointment of the following Committee to be known as the Terre Haute Northwest Territory Celebration Committee.

Morton F. Hayman, *Chairman*
W. W. Behrman, *Manager*
Radio Broadcasting Station WBOW
James R. Benham, *Editor*
Terre Haute Star
Willard Blocksom, *President*
Vigo County Fair Association
George C. Carroll, *Superintendent*
Terre Haute Public Schools
Wm. F. Cronin, *Editor*
Terre Haute Tribune
George O. Dix, *Representative*
John Morton Chapter, S.A.R.
Mrs. Fred Jeffries, *Representative*
Vigo County Parent-Teachers Association
Frank R. Miller, *Attorney*
Aikman Miller and Causey
Chairman Terre Haute Homecoming
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Terre Haute First National Bank
Mrs. W. Robert Paige, *Regent*
Fort Harrison Chapter, D.A.R.
Clarence A. Pound, *Superintendent*
Vigo County Schools
Donald B. Prentice, *President*
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Miss Ethel M. Ray, *Representative*
Terre Haute Teacher's Federation
Sister Eugenia, *Dean*
St. Mary of the Woods College
Ralph N. Tirey, *President*
Indiana State Teacher's College
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Paul F. Ryan, *Managing Director*
Celebration Week

Terre Haute House Celebrates Centennial

1838 - 1938

CAN you look out the luxurious lobby of the Terre Haute House over U. S. Highway 41 and visualize a graceful deer alertly poised on the new-fallen snow to catch the slightest footfall, and then a minute later see the antlered animal glide through the crackling brush into the sheltering security of jack-oaks and poplars a short distance away?

Truly the old order changeth, yielding place to new, and to recreate this scene all you have to do is turn back the pages of history a hundred years, a history trailing clouds of glorious pioneer endeavor, pioneer vision.

In 1818, two years after Indiana acquired statehood and Terre Haute the status of a town, when the only well in Terre Haute was on the lot now occupied by the Branch Bank of The Terre Haute National Bank, Chauncey Rose arrived here; and while he watched the star of empire on its westward move, he laid plans for the future.

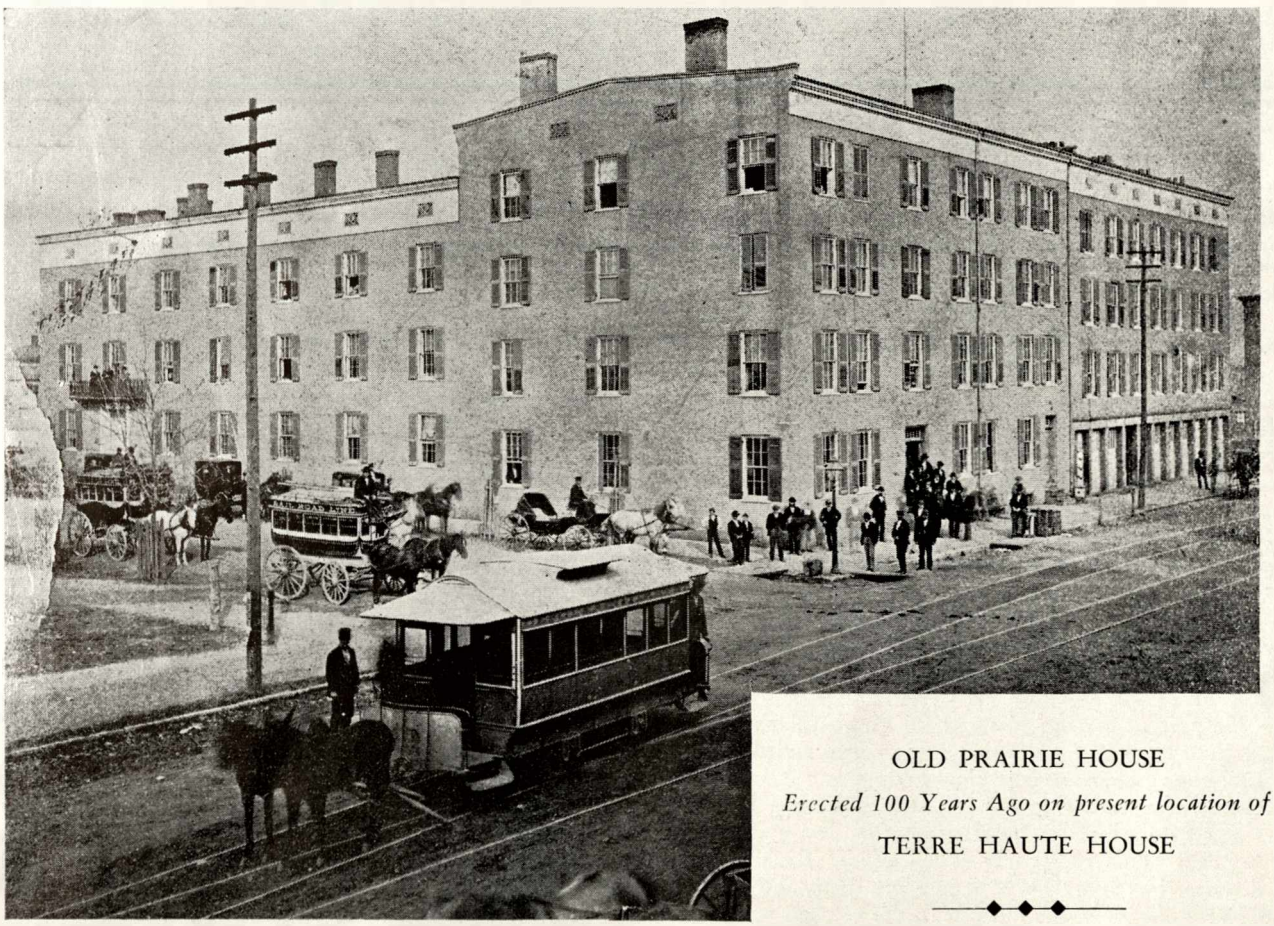
With prophetic faith in the natural resources and in the fertility of soil in this region, Mr. Rose in 1838 built the Prairie House on the corner of his farm in the outskirts of town; and although gifted with the soul of a seer, he likely never envisioned the splendid edifice that is today the Terre Haute House, one of the most modern of twentieth century hostelries.

next three years. Mr. Rose closed the hotel unitl 1849. At that time the sound of improvements was heard in the land as the village of Terre Haute was the natural center so far as river, canal, and the proposed National Road were concerned; a significant change ensued.

The building of the National Road brought Eastern men of capital and brains, and along with work on the canal, things began to hum at the Prairie House. The stage coach made daily trips between Terre Haute and Indianapolis.

In 1849 T. G. Buntin, a typical landlord with genial face, pleasant manners, and ability as a story teller, assumed the management of the Prairie House which at that time was a four story building with a flat, straight front.

For a long time, since Mr. Rose did not believe in them, there were no bells in the Prairie House, but later during the construction of the railroad and canal, an English gentleman who had property interests here, registered at the hotel. Very fussy and hard to please, though a guest of Mr. Rose and lodged in the best room, the Englishman swore like a trooper when he failed to find any call bells. The next day Mr. Rose had call bells installed in all the rooms.



OLD PRAIRIE HOUSE

Erected 100 Years Ago on present location of

TERRE HAUTE HOUSE

As a guest of this hotel, you are heir to the richest of traditions extending back for a century to the old Prairie House that opened in 1938 with Mr. Theron Barnum of Baltimore as its first manager. He made a splendid start, kept a superior house, but made little money during the

In those days, five dollars a week was charged for boarding, lodging and attendance; two dollars and a half for servants, and two dollars and a half for a horse.

At dinner time a loud gong rang throughout the hotel, and the hungry guests marched into the great eating room

of handsome dimensions, there to make an attack upon the appetizing viands. Mr. Buntin, the smiling proprietor, dressed in the height of fashion and armed with carving knife and fork politely guided from fifty to one hundred people to the table, and then took his stand at the side table groaning under a profusion of well cooked joints.

Usually there was one respectable looking negro waiter, augmented by ten or twelve boys aged from twelve to fifteen, dressed in white jackets but without shoes or stockings. Running and tumbling around in their eagerness to serve, they looked more like school boys playing leap frog than hotel waiters. When the guests were seated the waiter boys sprang to their side, shouting in their ears, "What will you take; mutton, beef, roast lamb, veal pie, chicken pie, roast fowl or pigeons?"

Ranged up and down the long tables and cut in slices were huge piles of hot and cold bread including corn bread, seed cakes, and pancakes; milk and butter buried in large lumps of ice; molasses, preserves, and blackberry syrup in large soup toureens. Tea, coffee, chocolate, hot, cold, and iced milk were the beverages served with either white or brown sugar. Beans, hominy, potatoes, squash, and Indian corn on the ear headed the vegetable list. For dessert there were custard, cherry, squash, apple, and blackberry pies as well as stewed pears, roast apples, ice cream, and watermelons.

One chambermaid made all the beds in the house and did all the other room service; she, too, went about shoeless and stockingless.

In one part of a room reserved for the barbershop were stored the scents and perfumed soaps often called for by the gay, young blades of the pioneer days.

Evidently the souvenir hunters started back a hundred years ago to appropriate hotel properties, for a daily inventory was taken to recover stolen goods. Each night a soiled waiter boy stuck his head in room doors and shouted "Got any spoons?" If the number in the kitchen was short, he often returned and insisted that the guests must have one or two, and to look again. About as much privacy as a gold fish, it seems, was enjoyed by the lodgers in those days.

In 1853, Mr. Rose changed the name of the Prairie House to the Terre Haute House. J. L. Hummison succeeded Mr. Buntin as manager, but after three years, claiming that the hotel was too far out from town that then clustered around the Court House square, Mr. Hummison turned over the management to Ben Hubbs. Several changes of management kept step with the passing years.

A few of the prominent business men of the town, believing such procedure would be detrimental to progress, organized a company to continue the hotel. Original stockholders were Alexander McGregor, Thos. Dowling, William R. McKeen, Demas Deming, Herman Hulman and others. Mr. Rose still retained a share for himself.

In 1887 the Terre Haute House began to attract many of the best known horse racers in the country, for it was that year that Terre Haute's mile track was opened where the stadium now stands, a square track with round corners, in its day called the fastest race track in the world.

The hotel became one of the most famous west of the Allegheny mountains.

What a long, interesting trail from the old Prairie House of 1838 with its spacious wagon yard, located on the prairie outskirts of town, to the splendid, modern Terre Haute House, electrically illuminated and located on the same ground, but at the Crossroads of the World!

From the sturdy oak supports of the Prairie House tavern has sprung the beautiful ten story hostelry of concrete and steel frame, absolutely fireproof, lavishly furnished, and centrally heated throughout its two hundred and fifty elegant rooms.

The old order has changed, but the new has merely become a part of the old; for with the transformation from the grand old Prairie House of 1838 to the modern Terre Haute House of 1938, there still remains the same genial hospitality, the same kindly regard for the needs of every guest, and the century-old desire to help every patron of the hotel enjoy the home-like atmosphere of Terre Haute's finest hotel.

The Terre Haute House is now operated by the Pick Hotels Corporation, operating the following hotels in seven middlewestern states: Hotel Miami, Dayton, Ohio; Hotel Fort Haynes, Columbus, Ohio; Chittenden Hotel, Columbus, Ohio; Fort Meigs Hotel, Toledo, Ohio; Hotel Raleigh, Waco, Texas; Fountain Square Hotel, Cincinnati, Ohio; Hotel Owensboro, Owensboro, Ky.; New Southern Hotel, Jackson, Tenn.; Hotel Antlers, Indianapolis, Ind.; Hotel Anderson, Anderson, Ind.; Mark Twain Hotel, Saint Louis, Mo.; Oliver Hotel, South Bend, Ind.; Ventura Hotel, Ashland, Ky.; Hotel Belden, Canton, Ohio; Great Northern Hotel, Chicago, Illinois.

Here's to the pioneers of the old Prairie House and the present guests of the Terre Haute House:

"Under this hostelry roof may you find
Service and friends, both thoughtful and kind;
When the cover of Night envelops you round
May your slumber be peaceful and beautifully sound."